

Incoming students in the Freshman Arts Program paint a banner on the wall behind Bexley on Thursday afternoon.

Some Dorms Crowd Freshmen Despite Administration Pledge

By Christine R. Fry
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Baker House, Burton-Conner, East Campus, and New House have been assigned more freshmen than they have room openings, at least during Orientation. As a result, rooms in the dormitories will be "crowded" to accommodate the additional students.

The level of dormitory crowding is of unusual interest this year as the Institute completes its transition to a housing system in which all freshmen live on campus. A poor fraternity rush and slightly larger than expected freshman class made it difficult for the administration to live up to its

promise of no crowds in dormitories.

"At the time we ran the lottery [in July], we had 969 spaces and 1,027 freshmen. We crowded 57 freshmen," and one exchange student, said Denise A. Vallay of the housing office.

"Since the day we ran the lottery, we've had 53 housing cancellations," she said. These cancellations include freshmen who decided over the summer not to attend MIT and upperclassmen who have cancelled their on-campus housing.

The cancellations allowed Next House to eliminate crowding. However the crowding in the other

four dormitories will remain at least through the next week, until the adjustment lottery, which closes on Aug. 26.

Crowding is "turning out to be much less than we thought," said Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict.

Crowding is "not beneficial to anyone," said Nikki Johnson '04, Dormitory Council housing chair, but "it's not like it was in the past."

New House plans to have eight doubles crowded to triples, said Housing Chair Christine P. Fleming '04. "There won't be too many

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RIAA Will Issue Second Subpoena For Identity of Music Distributor

By Keith J. Winstein
NEWS EDITOR

The Recording Industry Association of America will send MIT a second subpoena seeking the identity of a network user alleged to have been illegally "offering hundreds of copyrighted works to the

world-at-large" from MIT's network through the KaZaA file-sharing system, an RIAA spokesman said last night.

This time, the RIAA will file the subpoena the way MIT has asked: through the federal district court in Boston, instead of Washington, D.C. MIT says it will comply with a subpoena issued through the Boston court.

"We have begun to file subpoenas in the local jurisdiction of Massachusetts," the RIAA spokesman said. "What this means is that students at MIT and other local colleges who are illegally

distributing substantial amounts of copyrighted music will now be held accountable for their actions."

Federal copyright law generally makes it illegal to reproduce or digitally transmit copyrighted music recordings without the permission of the copyright owner, usually a record label represented by the RIAA.

In a section used more than a thousand times by the RIAA in recent months, the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act empowers copyright owners to

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Student EMS Leases New Ambulance

By Beckett Sterner
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Emergency Medical Service has received the funding necessary to lease a new ambulance and parking bay. The new equipment will allow the group to meet state standards.

Chief of SEMS Samuel A. Schweighart G said that MIT Medical has pledged approximately \$80 thousand towards leasing the new ambulance, and while the cost of the parking bay has not yet been determined, several Institute departments have agreed to provide funding. In its initial proposal, SEMS had requested \$200 thousand in new funding for the ambulance and parking bay.

The current ambulance is over ten years old and would not have passed state inspections this fall. The current ambulance bay, located in the nuclear reactor complex, is distant, not a secure location and does not allow for temperature controlled storage, Schweighart said.

Schweighart said that the new bay may be built in a location near buildings E32 and E34, across from MIT Medical. The ambulance is currently being built, he said, and will be likely be ready by the end of Sept. Construction has not

begun yet on the parking bay.

SEMS must be cost effective

Schweighart said that SEMS plans to run a daytime shift during the term, ultimately providing around the clock service. As SEMS reaches 24-hour coverage, the service must compete against the expenses of a private company to remain in operation.

"Historically, we had paid an outside [ambulance] service when the police were unavailable," said Maryanne Kirkbride, clinical director for campus life. The overall cost of SEMS is expected to be lower because the students are volunteers whereas the private service must pay for wages; or "that is the theory," Kirkbride said.

The true operating expenses for SEMS will not become clear until it has reached its final size and level of service. She said that SEMS "needs to be budget neutral or better" compared with expense of a private service to receive full support from MIT Medical. "The thing that helps us in that regard is that the state has approved a fee hike in the rate for private ambulances," she said. Previously, the state had held the fee constant for many years, effectively lowering the cost through inflation each year.

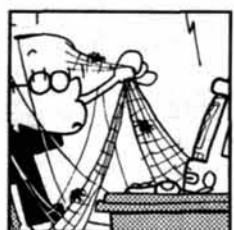
Schweighart said that SEMS had received a budget of about \$50 thousand this year from MIT Medical to

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Antone K. Jain '07 (left) mocks Freshman Urban Program counselor Rohit Gupta '05 with an imitation of the Bhangra dance as Betty Y. Yang '07, Jeannette S. Sue '07, and Karen L. Condon '07 look on. This skit and others were created by the freshmen at the end of the FUP program in Twenty Chimneys on Thursday night.

The Tech will publish daily during Orientation (with the exception of Aug. 23). The regular Tuesday, Friday publication schedule will resume after Registration Day.



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Journals Urged To Disclose Scientists' Ties

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A group of prominent scientists is pressing two leading editors of scientific journals to require authors to disclose financial ties to products or companies that could benefit from the articles they write.

In a letter sent Thursday to the editors, the scientists cited several recent cases in which authors of articles in the journal *Science* and in the journals of the Nature Publishing Group failed to disclose significant conflicts of interest.

One scientist, the letter said, failed to disclose that he held the patent on a drug treatment about which he wrote favorably. Another, with ties to pharmaceutical companies, suggested in an article that the nation's obesity problem could be solved "by better education and better drugs."

In the letter to the editor in chief of *Science*, Donald Kennedy, the scientists wrote that "it is increasingly important to identify authors or quoted scientists who have management or advisory roles in companies by those affiliations and not simply by their academic appointments."

"They are 'academic entrepreneurs,' not simply 'scientists,'" the scientists wrote.

Romney Approves \$15.4M For Unpaid Lawyers

THE BOSTON GLOBE

Governor Mitt Romney approved Thursday \$15.4 million in back payments owed to lawyers for the poor, but cautioned the attorneys against launching another protest like the one that disrupted some Suffolk County courts earlier this week.

Private lawyers who represent indigent clients in Suffolk County refused new cases Monday and part of Tuesday, following the lead of individual attorneys in other parts of the state. The protest left some defendants in jail, without lawyers to argue for lower bail, and prompted a delay in some cases.

If further disruption occurs, Romney would support "taking disciplinary steps against these attorneys," said Shawn Feddeman, Romney's spokeswoman. "It's a constitutional right for indigent defendants to have this counsel."

The Committee for Public Counsel Services, a state group responsible for providing attorneys for people who cannot afford them, has only 115 staff attorneys, so it contracts with nonprofit groups, such as Suffolk Lawyers for Justice, the group that refused cases this week, to assign private lawyers to cases. Court officials didn't take any action against the Committee for Public Counsel Services, Suffolk Lawyers for Justice, or individual lawyers for refusing to take new cases.

Junk Mail Marketers Join Fight Against Spam E-mail

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A new player has joined the effort to protect computer users from spam: It's the folks who bring you junk mail.

The Direct Marketing Association has quietly begun working with federal law enforcement officials, regulators, and Internet service providers to develop a high-technology group dedicated to helping shut down the most egregious users of bulk e-mail, who send billions of marketing messages to computer users.

The focus of the effort will be "to identify significant spam operators who are violating existing laws, develop the cases, and refer them to the appropriate state, federal, or international prosecuting authorities," the direct mail trade group said in a recruiting letter dated Aug. 8.

Attack Kills Hamas Leader; Groups Renounce Cease Fire

By James Bennet

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

The Palestinian militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad officially declared an end to their seven-week-old cease-fire on Thursday, shortly after an Israeli helicopter strike killed a senior Hamas leader in Gaza City.

The Hamas leader, Ismail Abu Shanab, died along with two bodyguards when their sedan was struck in a barrage of six missiles fired by at least one Apache helicopter, witnesses said. Seventeen people were wounded in the barrage, including several employees of the Gaza governor. Shanab, who was educated in Vermont and Texas, was considered one of the most pragmatic of the Hamas leaders.

Hamas, which claimed responsibility for the suicide bus bombing in Jerusalem two days ago that killed 20 people, threatened retaliation for the missile strike.

"It is jihad until victory or martyrdom," Hamas said in a statement officially announcing its abandon-

ment of the cease-fire, which Palestinian militant factions, under international pressure, declared on June 29 to advance the American-backed peace plan, known as the road map.

Muhammad al-Hindi, a top leader of Islamic Jihad in Gaza, also swore to avenge the attack. "This will achieve nothing but to strengthen us to keep our jihad," he said. Then, referring to the Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon, he added, "Sharon, and not us, made the truce fail."

The events on Thursday followed Israeli raids on three West Bank cities overnight and the reinforcement of Israeli positions around Ramallah, also in the West Bank. Those deployments were intended to ratchet up pressure on the Palestinian leadership to strike against the militant groups.

An official from Israel's Foreign Ministry said on Thursday that Israel had felt compelled to launch the missile strike because, in Israel's estimation, the Palestinian Authority had not cracked down on militant groups.

"The Palestinian Authority must make up its mind: Do they want

peace with terrorist organizations or peace with Israel?" the official, Gideon Meir, the deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry, said on CNN. "It doesn't go hand in hand."

He added: "There was never a truce. To kill 20 innocent Israelis, to blow up a bus in the center of a city like Jerusalem, is this part of a truce? What is it?"

A Palestinian official said that the Palestinian Authority had been preparing a "massive campaign against Hamas and Islamic Jihad," including arrests, the closing of some institutions and the replacement of the leadership of others as well as the collection of weapons.

In a statement, the Palestinian prime minister, Mamoud Abbas, denounced the killings in Gaza on Thursday as an "ugly crime."

"We strongly condemn this action because it does not serve peace," he said in Ramallah, according to Reuters. "Such operations negatively affect all the plans that the Palestinian Authority is undertaking."

Deadline Passes for Alabama Justice to Remove Monument

By Jeffrey Gettleman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Midnight came and went, but the rock did not roll.

By 12:01 Thursday morning, Chief Justice Roy Moore of Alabama was to have removed the 5,280-pound monument of the Ten Commandments that he secretly installed one night in the lobby of the State Supreme Court. A federal judge had ruled that the granite block, known as Roy's Rock, violated the separation of church and state.

But Moore did not budge. And he had a lot of people right behind him. His monument has been like a magnet for Christian advocates, and as the night wore on its powers seemed to increase.

As the clock struck 12, the crowd assembled in front of the courthouse burst into "God Bless America." The muggy plaza was clogged with dozens of little girls

wearing Jesus T-shirts, bearded men with thick arms and Confederate flags on their backs, black people, white people, the young, the old, the in between, a man who walked from Texas dressed in a monk's frock and another who drove from San Diego in a red truck with a sign that said "Shame on America."

They were here to make sure that when the deadline elapsed no federal officers stormed the courthouse and wheeled away the monument.

Some, earlier on Wednesday, had even been arrested, including 66-year-old Karen Kennedy, who was handcuffed in her wheelchair.

By midnight, Kennedy was back. And a hero.

"Let's hear it for this woman," yelled the Rev. Pat Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition.

"That's right," Kennedy said from the courthouse steps. "I was cuffed for God."

Moore was nowhere to be seen. On Wednesday he had said, "If they want to get the commandments, they're going to have to get me first."

Supporters are now calling him "the Moses of Alabama."

On Wednesday, Moore lost a last-ditch appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, hurling him head-on into a conflict with a federal judge who has threatened to make him pay \$5,000 for every day that the Ten Commandments remain in public view.

Detractors say the whole thing smells like Alabama's obstinacy of yesteryear, of the lost battles for states' rights in the 1960s.

"He's been even more flamboyant and stubborn than George Wallace when he made his stand in the schoolhouse door," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

WEATHER

A Taste of Autumn

By Michael J. Ring
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

We have one more day of steamy summer weather ahead of us, but after a frontal passage this afternoon or this evening, we will get a well-deserved break from the heat, with temperatures on Sunday 20°F cooler than they are today.

We first have to get through today, however, and besides the heat, thunderstorms are also a definite possibility for this afternoon. A cold front extending south from a low pressure center over Hudson Bay brought scattered severe storms yesterday to parts of the Midwest. This system is headed our way today, so definitely keep an eye out for hazardous weather this afternoon.

Once the front passes, however, we will enjoy several days of near-perfect weather, with bright sun and temperatures in the 70s °F. Summer lovers however will be happy to know temperatures by midweek should be back to the 80s °F.

Today: Hot and humid with a chance of thunderstorms later in the day. High near 92°F (33°C).

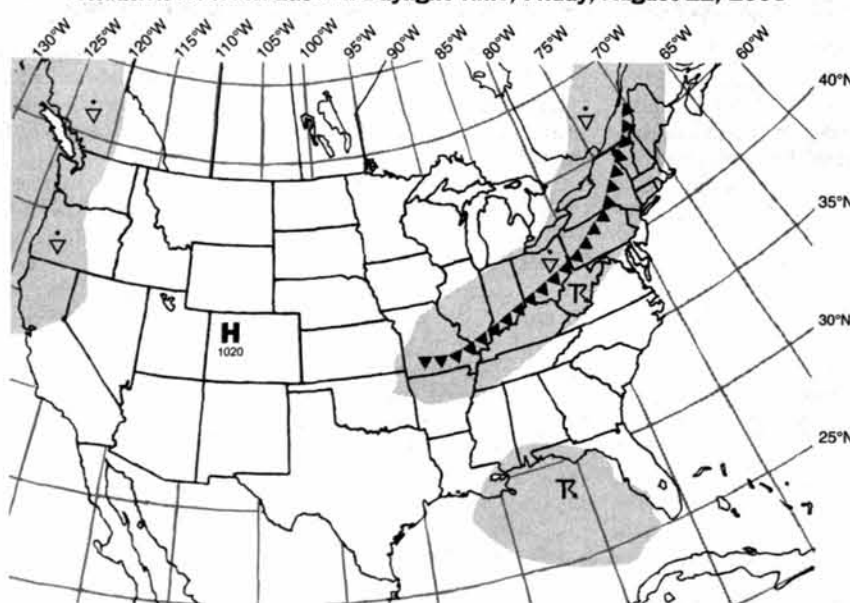
Tonight: Lingering thunderstorms, then clearing. Low near 68°F (20°C).

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and much more comfortable. High near 78°F (26°C).

Tomorrow night: Clear and cool. Low near 55°F (12°C).

Sunday: Partly cloudy and unseasonably cool. High only near 70°F (21°C); lows near 55°F (12°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, August 22, 2003



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	— Trough	☁ Snow	☁ Fog
L Low Pressure	— Warm Front	☔ Rain	☁ Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	▲ Cold Front	☔ Light	☁ Haze
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		☔ Heavy	

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New Bush Administration Rule Reduces Clean Air Regulations

By Katharine Q. Seelye

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

After more than two years of internal deliberation and intense pressure from industry, the Bush administration has settled on a regulation that would allow thousands of older power plants, oil refineries, and industrial units to make extensive upgrades without having to install new anti-pollution devices, according to those familiar with the deliberations.

The new rule, a draft of which was made available to The New York Times by the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, would constitute a sweeping and cost-saving victory for industries, exempting more than 17,000 industrial plants and refineries from a portion of the Clean Air Act. The acting administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency could sign the new rule as soon as next week, administration officials have told utility representatives.

The exemption would allow

industrial plants to continue to emit hundreds of thousands of tons of pollutants into the atmosphere and could save the companies millions if not billions of dollars in pollution equipment costs, even if they increase the amounts of pollutants they emit.

And the action could spare Gov. Michael O. Leavitt of Utah, if he is confirmed as President Bush's new EPA administrator, from having to make a decision on a highly contentious issue.

The current rule requires plant owners to install pollution-control devices if they undertake anything more than "routine maintenance" on their plants. Industries have long complained that this standard was too vague and that it hindered substantial investment in cleaner, more efficient equipment.

The new rule says that as much as 20 percent of the cost of replacing a plant's essential production equipment — a boiler, generator, or turbine — could be spent and the owner would still be exempt from installing any pollution controls,

according to people familiar with the deliberations.

Together, such equipment can cost hundreds of millions of dollars, sometimes more than \$1 billion, to replace. A utility or factory, therefore, could make tens of millions of dollars worth of improvements without being required to install pollution controls.

At the end of last year, the administration proposed a relaxation of the current standards, saying the threshold for requiring pollution control devices could be anywhere from 0 to 50 percent of the cost of replacing major equipment. Members of Congress protested that the public could not meaningfully comment on such a range, and 225,000 people objected to the rule before the comment period ended May 31, according to John Walke, an air expert with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Only in the last few weeks have officials settled on the 20 percent figure, which has been a closely held secret within the administration.

Iraqi Guards at U.N. Compound May Have Aided Baghdad Attack

By Dexter Filkins

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

U.S. investigators looking into the deadly bombing of the United Nations compound on Tuesday are focusing on the possibility that the attackers were assisted by Iraqi security guards who worked there, a senior U.S. official here said on Thursday.

The U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said all of the security guards at the compound were agents of the Iraqi secret services, to whom they regularly reported on U.N. activities before the war. The United Nations continued to employ the guards after the war was over, the official said.

The official said that when investigators began questioning the guards, two of them asserted that they were entitled to "diplomatic immunity" and refused to cooperate. Diplomats working in foreign countries are often entitled to immunity from prosecution by local authorities, but the official said the two guards could make no such claim.

The investigators are continuing to interrogate the guards, the official said.

"We believe the U.N.'s security

was seriously compromised," the official said, adding that "we have serious concerns about the placement of the vehicle" and the timing of the attack. The bomb exploded directly under the third-floor office of the U.N. coordinator for Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, while he was meeting with a prominent American human rights advocate, Arthur C. Helton. Both men were killed, along with several top aides to Vieira de Mello.

In New York, a U.N. official reacted skeptically to the assertions. "All of us are trying to get to the bottom of this," said Fred Eckhard, spokesman for the secretary-general, Kofi Annan SM '72. "In fact, the secretary-general is sending his security coordinator to Baghdad this evening to investigate the bombing. But the task is not made easier by the conspiracy theories circulating. We'll have to separate as best we can fact from speculation."

No one connected to the U.N. office in Baghdad, which was demolished in the bombing, could be reached for comment. The United Nations had a large presence in Iraq before the war, running the oil-for-food program and housing teams of weapons inspectors.

The U.S. official said investiga-

tors were trying to determine which, if any, of the guards failed to report to work the day of the attack. Even before the war, the government of Saddam Hussein was widely known to assign its intelligence agents to guard and guide foreigners who were visiting or living in the country.

Suspicions have focused on the guards rather than other local U.N. personnel because their links to Saddam's security service were close. Under the former regime, they had to report to the security service once a week on the activities of U.N. personnel, Western officials said.

Even so, U.N. administrators retained the guards after Saddam's government was removed. U.S. officials said earlier this week that the administrators had also turned down a U.S. offer to provide greater security around the building.

Tensions have repeatedly flared between the United States and the United Nations over Iraq. The United Nations has been confined to a marginal role in Iraq since the war, and had sought to project a sympathetic and approachable image to the Iraqi people, partly by shunning the heavy protection surrounding U.S. troops and installations here.

'Chemical Ali,' High-Ranking Member From Hussein's Government Captured

By Bill Brink

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Ali Hassan al-Majid, a cousin and trusted advisor of Saddam Hussein who earned a reputation for ruthlessness by using poison gas to suppress a Kurdish uprising in 1988, has been captured, the American military said on Thursday.

The U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., announced the capture of Majid but gave no details on where he was detained or how. Majid was No. 5 on the allied forces' list of the 55 most-wanted Iraqis.

The capture of Majid represents another step in the military's effort to wipe out any lingering influence of the fragmented remnants of Saddam's government.

Last month, a U.S. raid in Mosul killed two of Saddam's sons, Uday and Qusay, and soon afterward soldiers seized four men they believed to be important members of Saddam's former government, including one who was thought to be a

longtime bodyguard to Saddam. Earlier this week the former Iraqi vice president, Taha Yassin Ramadan, was arrested, also in Mosul.

Majid had earned the nickname "Chemical Ali" after he used chemical weapons against the Kurds in 1988. Human rights groups say that Majid inspired the murder or disappearance of about 100,000 Kurds, the forced removal of many more, as well as the destruction of hundreds of Kurdish villages and communities.

His notoriety increased in 1990 when he was appointed Iraq's chief administrator in Kuwait in the months before the Gulf War. He was also linked to the brutal crackdown on Shiites in southern Iraq following their uprising after that war.

American military officials believed that Majid had been killed in a bombing raid in April, but in early June, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said there was a chance he was still alive. "There was some speculation afterwards

that they thought that he had been killed," Rumsfeld said at the time. "Now there's some speculation that he may be alive. But I just don't know."

Majid belonged to a clan that intermarried with Saddam's family in the Tikrit region north of Baghdad. According to military specialists, he rose through the ranks of Iraq's intelligence and internal security services to become one of Saddam's closest aides. His brother, Hussein Kamal al-Majid, was appointed oil minister after the invasion of Kuwait.

In mid-March, during the American invasion of Iraq, Saddam appointed Majid to direct the defense of southern Iraq. At the time, American officials speculated that Majid had been appointed either to ensure that the restive Shiites of southern Iraq remained loyal to Baghdad or to implement a military strategy devised to blunt or undermine the American-British invasion.

Liberian Parties Choose Leader for Interim Government

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Liberia's warring parties on Thursday chose a mild-mannered businessman to lead an interim government until 2005.

Delegates from the government and two rebel factions, meeting in Accra, Ghana, chose Gyude Bryant, 54, an Episcopal Church leader, a heavy equipment dealer and the head of a minor political faction, the Liberian Action Party.

Under the terms of the Accra accord, the new head of the interim government — the title will be chairman, not president — had to be an outsider who was not aligned with the three warring parties.

"I see myself as a healer," Bryant said in Accra.

Taylor's immediate successor, his vice president, Moses Blah, will resign in October. The interim government led by Bryant is to try to help hold Liberia together until elections set for Oct. 2005.

Bryant's selection came as a surprise to many diplomats and foreign officials here, and to many Liberians as well. Most had expected the chairmanship to go to Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, 64, a former international banker and senior U.N. official who had led the list of candidates submitted by the government's negotiators to the rebel parties for their approval.

Ashcroft Criticized For Patriot Act Promotional Speeches

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

Attorney General John Ashcroft faced sharp criticism on Thursday from Democrats and others over his decision to give more than a dozen speeches around the country in defense of anti-terrorism legislation passed after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Rep. John Conyers, Jr., of Michigan, the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, told Ashcroft in a letter that he should either "desist from further speaking engagements" or explain why they do not violate restrictions on political activities by government officials.

Conyers said that the speeches in defense of the USA Patriot Act, as the anti-terrorism law is known, appeared to conflict with congressional restrictions preventing the use of Justice Department money for "publicity or propaganda purposes not authorized by Congress." He said they might also violate the Anti-Lobbying Act and its restrictions on grassroots lobbying on legislative matters.

Lawyers with the American Civil Liberties Union raised similar concerns about Ashcroft's speaking tour, which began this week in Washington, Detroit, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Des Moines and will continue over the next three weeks. The message in all of the speeches has been that despite rising criticism the Patriot Act has proved an essential tool in fighting terrorism.

Barbara Comstock, the Justice Department spokeswoman, said Ashcroft's speaking tour had been thoroughly reviewed by department lawyers and was "entirely appropriate" under federal law.

New Orbital Infrared Telescope To Launch Monday

THE DENVER POST

BOULDER, COLO.

An infrared telescope is set to launch early Monday on a mission to peek into the dark, cold and ancient corners of the universe.

NASA's Space Infrared Telescope Facility is the last of four spacecraft — including the Hubble Space Telescope, the Chandra X-Ray Observatory and the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory — designed to view the cosmos across the entire electromagnetic spectrum.

SIRTF, as the telescope is known, will peer through gaseous dust clouds at stars being formed and capture detailed images of little-known primeval galaxies. The observatory's super-cooled sensors will detect dark, cold masses other telescopes have been unable to see.

"It's expected to produce as many breakthroughs in infrared light as Hubble did in visible light," said Harold Reitsem, Ball's director of advanced programs for space sciences.

Added Charlie Pellerin, former director of astrophysics for NASA: "This is like 500 years ago when people sent ships out to the new world. These observatories are like ships going out to the universe and bringing back information that will change the world in ways we don't even know yet."

Guardian Sought For Fetus Of Retarded Floridian

THE NEW YORK TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

Gov. Jeb Bush dispatched state lawyers to court here on Thursday to argue that the fetus of a retarded rape victim was entitled to its own guardian, a position that both sides of the abortion debate saw as an attempt to weaken Roe v. Wade.

A Florida circuit court judge denied requests this spring to appoint a guardian for the fetus, even as he approved a guardian for the mother, who is 22, and who is believed to be nine months pregnant and identified only as JDS. An Orlando woman seeking to be the fetus' guardian appealed the decision, and Bush drew national attention to the case by intervening on her behalf in May.

Bush opposes abortion, and critics have accused him of trying to chip away at abortion rights by establishing legal protection for fetuses.

In oral arguments before a three-member panel of the 5th District Court of Appeals, an assistant state attorney general said the guardian of the severely retarded mother could not be depended on to make the best decisions for the fetus.

Such decisions might range from whether to abort the fetus to what kind of prenatal care and childbirth the mother has, said the state lawyer, George L. Waas. The question of abortion is moot in this case because state law prohibits late-term abortions unless the mother's life or well-being is at stake.

OPINION

Welcome to Tech

We have only a simple message for you — explore your options. You are at an incredible point in your lives, the beginning of a new journey, and so forth. You've probably heard such truths more than enough times from more than enough people in the past weeks, and these reminders will continue as you move through MIT.

And they weren't kidding. The next week will be fun. You'll be taking part in an ongoing experiment, the latest step in the evolution of Orientation activities, for the benefit of the Institute and for you. There will be parties, not the least of which will be the grand East Campus and West Campus celebrations. Please do not think for a second that these Cantabrigian hemispheres represent all your options. Take the time to meet people from all over. The Institute boasts 11 undergraduate dormitories, any of which might be a wonderful fit. Explore as many of them as possible, meet their residents, and see where you feel comfortable. When fraternity and independent living group rush begins in September, and sorority rush

later in the term, you'll have even more to explore, and more to eat.

Another part of finding your own niche at MIT is choosing activities and classes, and ultimately your major. Attend the Activities Midway, and not just for the free toys and food. Talk to members of the many groups represented at midway. Listen to the passionate way in which they talk about their activities. Use the midway to find something, or many things, to get excited about and stick with them. You will cherish the break extracurriculars provide once classes get into full swing.

Speaking of classes, don't take this choice lightly. Granted, you have to take physics, chemistry, and math, but this doesn't mean that you can't discover something new in the one open space in your schedule. Take a class in a subject you're not familiar with. Who knows, maybe you'll become the leading authority on that subject in twenty years.

For most of you, this is your first taste of true independence. You have the ability, and the privilege, to make your own life choices. Relish it. Good luck.

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Suddenly, knowing a lot about the U.S. power grid became sexy at cocktail parties.

Letters To The Editor

Politics and the Debate

Shankar Mukherji '04 makes a number of very clear, moral, and valid points in his Aug. 6 opinion column ["The Debate That Shouldn't Be"]. In doing so, however, he misses what is quite probably the main thrust behind George W. Bush's and the Republican Party's sudden attack on the concept of same-sex marriages — politics.

This is the beginning of the 2004 election cycle. The popularity and credibility of the President and his administration are at their lowest levels since the days prior to 9/11. The administration is being attacked on its Iraq policy, on the economy, on tax issues, on global warming, on its nominees for the Federal Judiciary, on its immense budget deficits, and especially on its honesty (or lack thereof) with the American people. The President's reelection is no longer a sure thing.

When faced with a similar situation in the 2000 primaries (Senator John McCain's campaign demonstrated much more early strength than did the Bush campaign), Bush swung immediately hard to the right, pandering to the most reactionary and ideologically-driven wing of the Republican Party, with visits to Bob Jones University, refusals to condemn South Carolina's use of the battle flag of the Confederacy, and a whispering campaign against McCain's mixed-race family.

This flap about same-sex marriage is just more of the same — Bush wants to energize

his reactionary base to solidify its support. It's the oldest game in the book, practiced by candidates from all political parties and from all across the political spectrum — you appease your most ideologically-driven base of support first, then try to appeal to more moderate voters in order to build an electoral majority. Bush did it before, and it worked, so nobody should be at all surprised that he's doing it again. He'd certainly also welcome anything that will distract the public from the attention it has recently given to questions of his and his administration's honesty.

I'm not by any means suggesting that this is an entirely cynical ploy — I believe that the President really does oppose the concept of same-sex marriages. However, the timing, context, and vehemence of this sudden assault on gay rights, and the dittohead-like echoing of the President's talking points by the Republican Congressional leadership, all argue that there's much more behind it all than simple "Family Values" (tm).

Don Coolidge '70

Krispy Kreme, by T

As a Southerner, I was pleased to see your Aug. 6 review of Krispy Kreme doughnuts in Medford ["A Hole Lot of Kreme-y Goodness"]. It's about time they made it up to Massachusetts.

As a Greater Bostonian, however, I am puzzled that you did not mention that Krispy Kreme is T-accessible: it's right next to the Wellington station on the Orange Line. Sure,

it's not as convenient as the Red and Green Lines most frequented by MIT students, but it's still the T. And any walking required to reach your local T station is probably a benefit if you're planning to eat Krispy Kremes!

Laura Dean '00

Errata

An Aug. 6 article ["Student Told to Remove Israel Flag from Dormitory Window"] used an outdated title for Anthony E. Gray PhD '01 and imprecisely paraphrased a comment from him. He is the project director for graduate housing, not a residential life associate. In comments rendered unclearly as "It 'hangs on the window,' rather than from the window," Gray distinguished the Sidney-Pacific student's Israeli flag, which MIT has ordered the student to remove, from longstanding Israeli flags at Bexley Hall by pointing out that the Bexley flags hang so as to cover their owners' windows, not down from the bottom of the window as at Sidney-Pacific.

A June 9 obituary for Institute Professor Herman A. Haus confused the Slovenian and Slovakian languages. Haus spoke Slovenian, not Slovakian. A book Haus was reading to prepare for a summer visit to Ljubljana, Slovenia, was written in Slovenian, not Slovakian.

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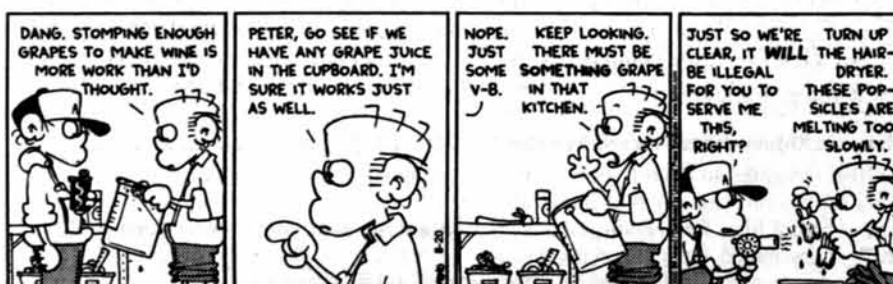
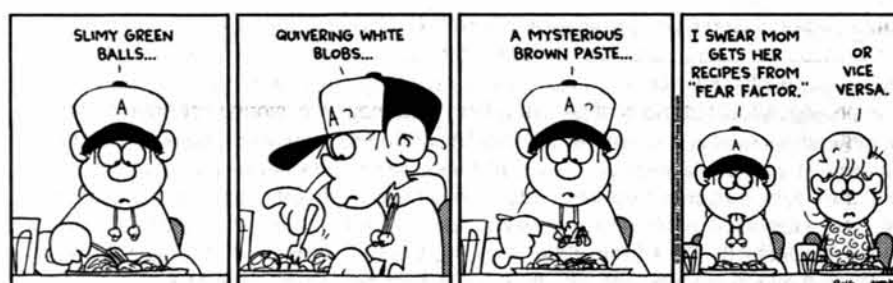
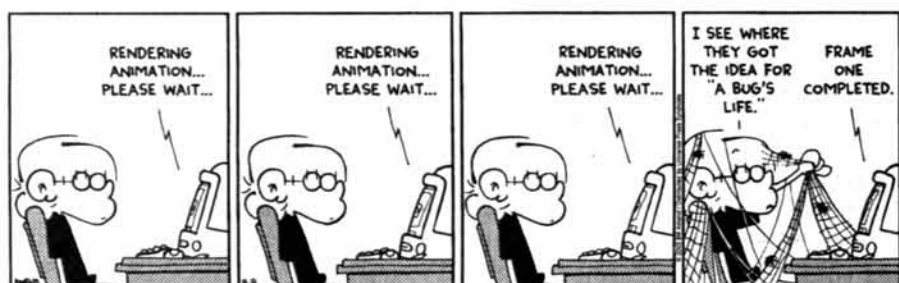
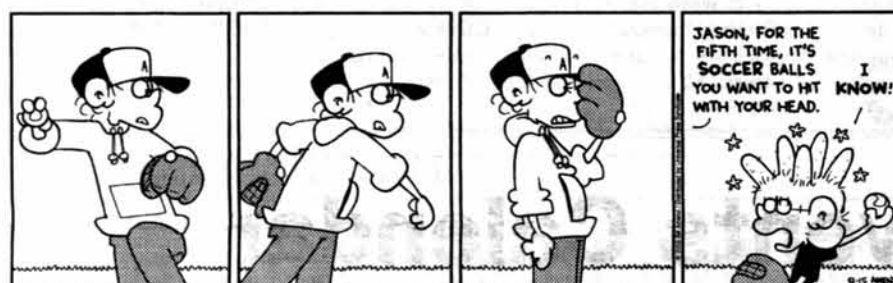
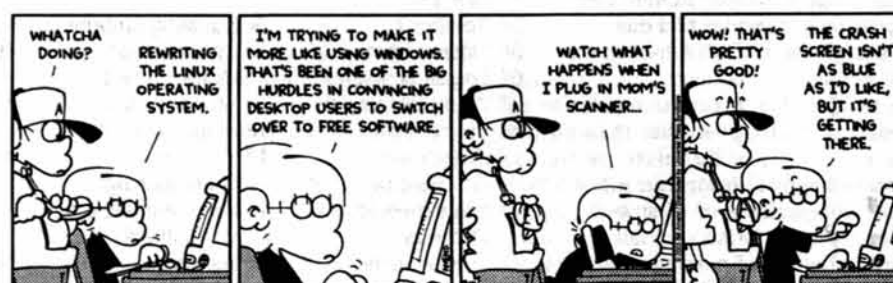
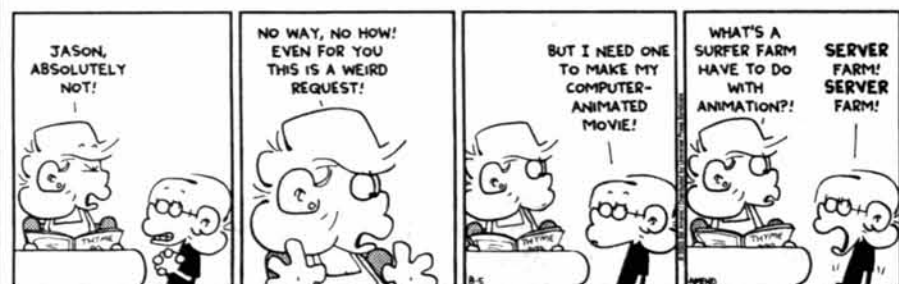
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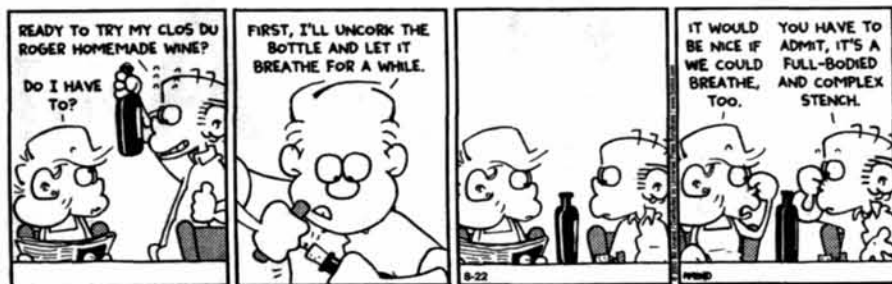
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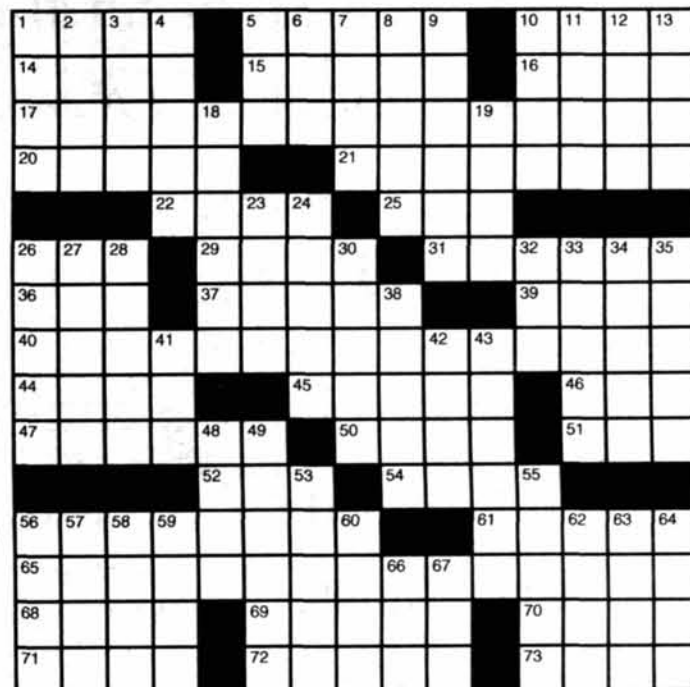
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Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 11

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mil. infraction
5 Actress Delta
10 Knife thrust
14 Zero in tennis
15 Man from Manila
16 Part of a day
17 Fifth Amendment concern
20 Passover meal
21 Chemical suspension
22 Italian volcano
25 Span of time
26 Used a chair
29 Employ
31 Injured
36 "Much ___ About Nothing"
37 Solidarity
39 Inter
40 Long-running soap
44 Mimic
45 Smooth transition
- DOWN**
- 46 NASA's ISS partner
47 Flow
50 Out on a ___
51 Lair
52 Cloud up
54 Boo-hoos
56 Flowed from
61 Zodiac scales
65 World Series side
68 Persia, now
69 Legally bar
70 Grooving on
71 Instrument for Orpheus
72 "The Winding Stair" poet
73 Highland loch
- 4 Earthen dike
5 Nocturnal flyer
6 Avail oneself of
7 Ready for picking
8 Lennon's "Instant ___"
9 Satiating amount
10 Spike Lee's "___ Gotta Have It"
11 Singer Amos
12 Mobile lead-in
13 ___ Mawr
18 Camelot king
19 Self-defense, e.g.
23 Songstress Simone
24 Seed coverings
26 Heroic tales
27 Highly skilled
28 Skin cream
30 Mrs. Mertz
32 DH's stat
33 Toned down
34 Wipe out
- 35 Poet Thomas
38 Bear and Berra
41 Before, briefly
42 Japanese wrestling
43 Small stone
48 A long way off
49 Rock group, ___ Crue
53 Silly skein
55 Nonviolent protest
56 First Oscar-winner Jannings
57 Contrary gardener of verse
58 Slightly open
59 Nary a one
60 Computer info
62 Nota ___ (note well)
63 Charlie Brown's expletive
64 Cookie guy
66 "I ___ Rhythm"
67 FedEx rival



Events Calendar

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Friday, August 22

7:00 a.m. - Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation. You are about to embark on what may be the most interesting, challenging, and entertaining years of your lives — your undergraduate career at MIT. For some of you, it may be your first time away from home, so you may be apprehensive about the change. For others, you may be exploring yet another new frontier. Regardless of your thoughts about heading off to MIT, you will all have opportunities to explore your options, seek out new challenges, tackle new problems, research possibilities, and meet new people. Your first order of business — exploring Orientation 2003! Room: Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. - Graduate Student Orientation. New students, welcome to MIT! The Graduate Student Council runs a large number of programs to help new students at MIT. From the minute new students arrive in Boston, the GSC is involved by offering a shuttle service that brings them from the airport to MIT campus. We run and plan the Institute's official graduate student orientation and coordinate a mentorship program to help new international students. If you are a new student we highly encourage you to explore all of the information on these webpages, and we hope the GSC can help make your first year experience at MIT as enjoyable as possible! Room: Check Web Site for Details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Admissions Office Information Session. Admissions Office Information Session is held in Building 6, in Room 6-120. Enter MIT at the main entrance, 77 Massachusetts Ave. (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed all the way down the center corridor to the very end and take a right. Proceed a short distance down this next corridor and room 6-120 will be on the right. Following the Admissions Information Session is a student-led campus tour, which begins in Building 6, outside Room 6-120. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. - Campus Tour. Student-led campus tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Information Session. The Campus Tour begins in Room 6-120. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Writers Group. New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group (sponsored by the Writing and Communication Center). Share a piece of your writing with other interested and supportive writers. Open to all MIT students, staff, faculty, and spouses. free. Room: 14N-417. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Orientation to Computing at MIT. This seminar provides basic information about the MIT computing environment, presented in language accessible to anyone. Topics include: help resources; supported operating systems; supported software and recommended hardware; the campus network (MITnet and more); security issues and how to address them; telephones and voice mail; computer-related health issues. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. - Muslim Friday Prayer. Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. E-mail msa-ec@mit.edu for more information. free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim Students' Association.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Admissions Office Information Session. free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. - Campus Tour. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - SSL Seminar (Dustin Berkovitz). Topic: TBD. free. Room: 37-212.

Sponsor: AeroAstro.

5:30 p.m. - Mohegan Sun/WNBA game. The Graduate Student Council presents a trip to the Mohegan Sun casino in early orientation times. Go only for the gambling and dinner (free vouchers included with bus ticket) or add a ticket to see the Connecticut Sun take on the Charlotte Sting as part of a fun and relaxing evening celebrating women's sports. Obtain your subsidized tickets from the GSC office, 50-220. Call or visit for updated event information. \$15 for bus (dinner & gambling included), \$10 for game (\$16 guests). Room: MIT & Mohegan Sun. Sponsor: GSC Activities.

7:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. - MIT Anime Club: Lina Universe, the madcap RPG world of "Slay-ers." For the summer we'll be showing all the movies and all the episodes of all the various "Slay-ers" TV series. These series are loosely based on an RPG world, and center on the comic (mis)adventures of the hot-tempered sorceress, Lina Inverse, and her various traveling companions. While there's something of a continuing story in the form of various quests, you can drop in anytime, they're always fun. free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Bible Study. Is there more to life than grad school? We believe the answer is "YES!" Come study the word of God with us. There will be dinner provided and games afterward. free. Room: 3-343. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia Graduate Division, GSC Funding Board.

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Sangam Movies. Screening of popular movies. Please subscribe to sangam-request@mit.edu. free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Roger and Me: a look at how General Motors destroyed Flynt Michigan. free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Social Justice Cooperative.

Saturday, August 23

7:00 a.m. - Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation. Room: Check Orientation 2003 web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. - Graduate Student Orientation. Room: Check Web Site for Details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Scuba Diving. Boat dive on wreck of Chester Poling boat. Room: Gloucester, MA. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Scuba Club.

4:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - TMRC Build Time. These are our normal meetings, where we build the layout. free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club.

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Sangam Movie Special. free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Patrol. Travel to strange new classrooms. Meet interesting, unusual people, and kill them! Patrol is a high-action game of live combat with rubber-dart guns. Shoot your friends, then watch out as they try to take their revenge. free. Room: 36-115. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

Sunday, August 24

7:00 a.m. - Class of 2007 Undergraduate Orientation. Room: Check Orientation 2003 Web site for details. Sponsor: Academic Resource Center.

7:00 a.m. - Graduate Student Orientation. Room: Check Web site for details. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council.

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Welcome Mass/Reception. Reception follows Mass. free. Room: La Sala De Puerto Rica/Student Center. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Mass. free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Mass. free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

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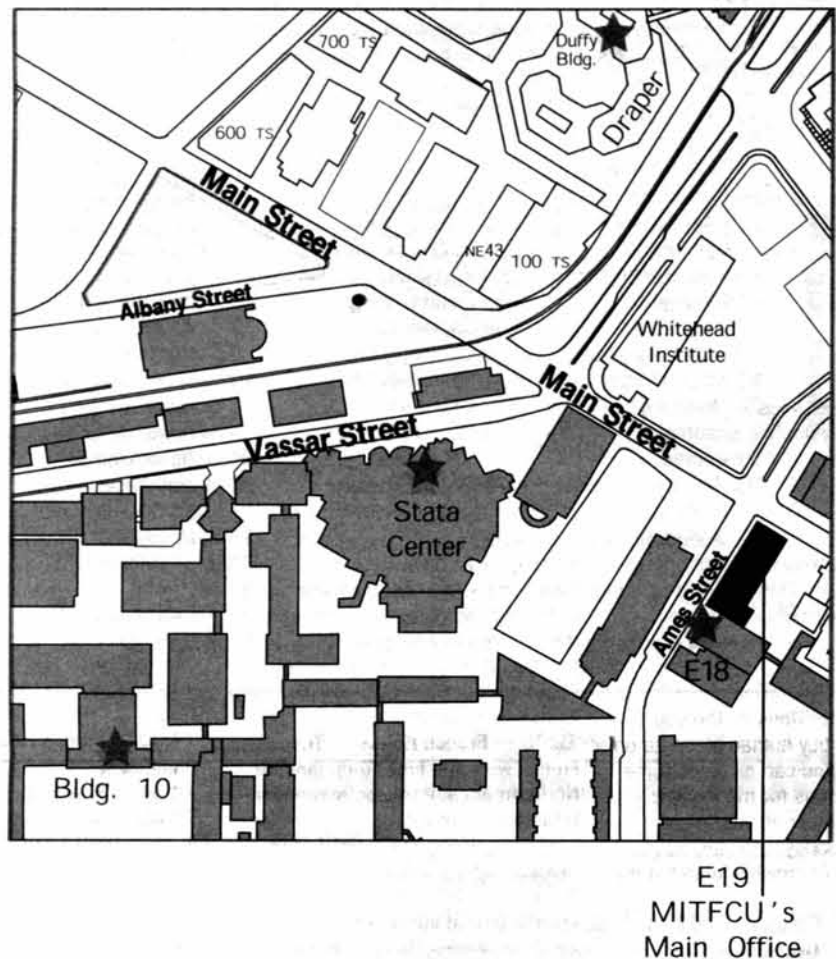
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Saturday, August 23

00:00

00:00 — **EAsT campUS** — After 64 years of mounting tension all diplomatic ties with West Campus have been severed. Economic sanctions are in force and all travel to the region has been banned.
00:01 — **Senior Haus** — Emma and Dave talk about every form of sexual deviance that there is.

01:00

01:00 — **MacGregor** — It's 1 am. Do you know where your SINGLE is?
01:00 — **Senior Haus** — We're patriots. Watch Paulo beat us up.
01:00 — **German House** — "Das Experiment" geht weiter. Deutscher Film, mit dem Deutschen Haus. Neues Haus, Haus Sechs, Erster Stock.
01:00 — **Baker House** — You know what's cool? Baker.

02:00

02:37 — **Senior Haus** — ::required making-fun-of-religion-that-isn't-Christianity gag:: Did Allah promise you 50 virgins? Well, you won't find them in Senior Haus.

04:00

04:37 — **Senior Haus** — This statement is not a complete statement. It is part of the previous statement.

06:00

06:13 — **Senior Haus** — Argentina: the Biggest country in South America Club Meeting. Presided by Paulo.
06:15 — **Senior Haus** — Pot pie, motherfucker.

07:00

07:00 — **Senior Haus** — Did you know you can buy human placenta on the Internet? You can also get some cigarettes from us for the low low price of \$0/cancer stick.
07:00 — **Bexxley** — 7 am, as good a time as any to drown yourself in the Charles.

08:00

08:00 — **French House** — Sssssh. Your roommates are probably still sleeping, but La Maison Française is starting to stir. LMF makes café au lait and croissant in true Parisian style.

09:00

09:00 — **French House** — Breakfast for all! Café au lait. Croissants. Confitures.
09:00 — **Senior Haus** — Hot and thirsty after a few hours of rush? Cum unto Senior Haus.
09:17 — **Random Hall** — Family Guy, Scrubs, and Square One: Remember when you were a kid and used to get up early just to watch cartoons? Neither do we. We'll be watching these, uh, "classics" with us anyhow.

10:00

10:00 — **German House** — German House makes pancake Kaiserschmarrn (German Pancakes) and watches cartoons.
10:00 — **EAsT campUS** — The Sovereign Nation of East Campus is in accordance with all U.N. restrictions on weapons of mass destruction. East Campus Officials will gladly give tours of all facilities to your inspectors.
10:01 — **German House** — Deutsches Frühstück mit Pfannkuchen. German Pancakes (Kaiserschmarrn) fuer alles, und Carthons. Neues Haus, Haus Sechs, Erster Stock.
10:30 — **French House** — Vous ne vous êtes toujours pas réveillés? Le petit-déjeuner continue à LMF (La Cuisine de LMF, New House 6, 5ième étage)
10:30 — **French House** — You're still not awake? Breakfast continues at La Maison Française, New House 6, 5th floor.
10:30 — **EAsT campUS** — Call Bexley's Rush Chair at (617) 306-3179 for a tour of Bexley Hall.

10:47 — **Random Hall** — What's the fun in being the world's smallest nuclear power without a little proliferation? We'll be here all day adding to our arsenal.

11:00

11:00 — **French House** — Vous avez peut-être déjà vu le campus de MIT, mais voilà une occasion de le voir en français! Bilingual campus tours throughout the day. (Meet in LMF Kitchen, New House 6, 5th floor)
11:00 — **German House** — There is still enough Kaiserschmarrn (German Pancakes) for late risers.
11:01 — **German House** — Es gibt noch genug German Pancakes (Kaiserschmarrn) fuer die, die spaet aufwachen. Kommen Sie und essen! Neues Haus, Haus Sechs, Erster Stock.
11:17 — **Random Hall** — Your parents need to refill the car anyways... Random Hall is next door to the gas station...
11:30 — **Simmons Hall** — Cookie Making! Who will make the best Simmons-esque cookie?
11:59 — **French House** — It's still the morning, but it's already hot. In Paris, citizens cool off by running through public fountains. Boston has lots of fountains, and we at La Maison Française know lots about them.

12:00

12:00 — **French House** — Les français étaient les premiers européens en Amérique du Nord. Venez assister dans une tradition de conquêtes en découvrant (et en conquérant) les fontaines de Boston avec La Maison Française! Wear shoes that can get wet. (Rendez-vous escaliers du centre des étudiants)
12:00 — **French House** — The French were the first Europeans in North America. Participate in a long tradition of conquest by discovering (and conquering) the fountains of Boston with La Maison Française! Wear shoes that can get wet. (Meet on Student Center steps)
12:00 — **Senior Haus** — It fits on your back, it's good for a snack, it's chalk chalk chalk. Come hang out in the courtyard.
12:00 — **Dormitory Council** — Residence Hall Adjustment Lottery Opens! Go to <http://web.mit.edu/housing/lottery/> to tell the Housing Office where you'd like to be permanently assigned between noon today and 5 pm Tuesday, August 26th. Choose to squat your current dormitory or rank up to four new choices.
12:00 — **Chocolate City** — Need a break from weak events? Come and chill in our lounge on the 3rd floor in New House 1. Chances are you'll find someone taking a break watching TV, playing cards or just talking. Our lounge is open to everyone at anytime throughout orientation. Come holla at us.
12:05 — **French House** — You're hot. The MIT Chorollaries say "French people are hot". Therefore, you must be French! French people like the Student Center.
12:05 — **Chocolate City** — Need a break from weak events? Come and chill in our lounge on the 3rd floor in New House 1. Chances are one of us is around relaxing watching TV. Our lounge is open to everyone during most respectable hours of the day and even some not-so-respectable ones.
12:25 — **Senior Haus** — Let Leslie solve all your emotional problems!
12:47 — **Random Hall** — Join the club. The nuclear club. Maybe we'll share our secrets on how to build an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.

13:00

13:01 — **French House** — Wondering about the banner outside New House? Yeah, we know it's misspelled. Ce n'est pas notre faute! Come drop by during the day anyway. La Maison Française, 5th floor, New House 6.
13:17 — **Random Hall** — Is the museum too drab and ugly for you?

"What's that shiny building across the street?? I wonder if they have any food or interesting people to talk to me! Hmmm..."
13:47 — **Random Hall** — Hmmm... Looks like we were just added to the Axis of Evil.

14:00

14:00 — **French House** — Afternoon of Baking!
14:00 — **French House** — Un après-midi à la fournée? Est-ce que vous aimez bouffer les choses cuites au four et faire des pagailles dans la cuisine? Quelle chance, nous aussi! Venez pendant tout l'après-midi nous aider à préparer et partager nos créations sucrées. La Cuisine de LMF.
14:00 — **Senior Haus** — Tireswinging lessons. Twist, shout, wrap yourself up. Skilled trainers (read: crusty alums) will see to your safety as you learn to do things your insurance company wouldn't cover.
14:00 — **German House** — In the mood for some good German polka?
14:00 — **Bexxley** — No acceptare tus religiones moneteistas; muestrame el camino a Nazaret y abofeteare a tu salvador con una trucha.
14:13 — **Senior Haus** — Did you know? The need for blood is unending. Donate blood. One single donation, possibly two, maybe three. Heart: more than 50 units of blood. Optimal blood supply: 1,100 donations received daily.
14:30 — **Senior Haus** — 72 Movies of Hours! The Dyslexic Fest! The little German engine that couldn't will be playing after every movie! It's ubiquitous! and you will see it or be EVISCERATED by the dark lord!!1!!@!@2!!
14:30 — **German House** — Guess Gott!
14:33 — **French House** — Already homesick?
14:34 — **French House** — Hungry?
14:40 — **Senior Haus** — Big Lebowski - One big man, so little time.
14:41 — **Senior Haus** — Women-only event- Piss for Accuracy Contest. Hopefully in the President's House.

15:00

15:00 — **German House** — Germans can drink a lot of root-bier.
15:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Visita al escritorio de Federico para un tour del culero. Llama x3-2871.
15:29 — **Senior Haus** — Our dear friend Jessica wants to teach you everything she knows about existentialism. If she's not around, don't worry, there are still plenty of rush cigarettes for while you wait.
15:33 — **French House** — The funny thing about Freedom Fries is they're not even French.

16:00

16:00 — **Senior Haus** — Senior Haus will proudly drop its SPORT DEATH banner in celebration. Parents and administrators will not bother to understand.
16:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Regime Change occurs in the East Campus volleyball court as the (sand) castles of Evil Doers are demolished.
16:07 — **French House** — Show off your Fr3nch Gr4mm3r Sk1llz. Our Education Ministry will reward you with one cookie for every grammatical mistake you find in these Daily Confusion entries. (Half a cookie for missing accents.)
16:07 — **French House** — Ici à LMF, nous prenons très sérieusement notre langue. Notre Ministère d'Éducation vous offre un biscuit pour chaque faute grammaticale que vous trouvez. (Un demi-biscuit pour les accents absents.)
16:30 — **Senior Haus** — What are you, a baby? Babies don't Funnelate across Ames Street!
16:40 — **Senior Haus** — The Zestifull Festival - Velvet Goldmine - All that Glitters - Is gay! - Cheeky Cheeky Naughty Sneaky!
16:48 — **Senior Haus** — Why getting an MIT degree is easier than tying your shoes or speaking Earth languages - an existence proof. Hosted by Alex Firshein.

17:00

17:00 — **Burton-Conner** — Upper-classmen at Burton Conner are enjoying the "suite" life.
17:00 — **German House** — Bored? German TV is never boring. German house has German TV channels and people who love to speak German.
17:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Join a willful Coalition of the Ten Halls of East Campus to address the terrible threat that hunger and lack of barbeque pose to Freedom loving people.
17:15 — **EAsT campUS** — Rooftop War of Agression vs. Senior House. Only water can kill you.
17:23 — **MacGregor** — Tours. ALL NIGHT LONG. Oh baby. (and by night we mean late evening time, from around 5 to 10 or so)
17:32 — **French House** — Allouette, gentille allouette...
17:33 — **French House** — Allouette, je te plumerai!

18:00

18:00 — **Burton-Conner** — Not over the summer movie binge yet? Neither are we.
18:00 — **German House** — The German TV is still on at German House! Sehen Sie fern mit uns. New House, house 6, 2nd floor.
18:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Preview Course 25 (metallurgy) at the Discover Metallurgy seminar. Professor Scooter and his top students will introduce students to the art and science of forming metal to your will.
18:01 — **EAsT campUS** — EC has fun with tapioca and a kiddie pool. Sponsored by EC spinoff, Ping Ping Chai.
18:10 — **French House** — Ten points for anyone who can squeeze another plate into our dish rack.
18:15 — **Burton-Conner** — Want to see what makes Burton-Conner different from all the other dorms?
18:17 — **Random Hall** — Had your fill of the Institute already? Did you know that Cream + Milk + Sugar + Fixin's + N₂ = mmm.... ice creeeam....
18:19 — **EAsT campUS** — Ever had tapioca pearls in your pants? Want some?
18:23 — **Senior Haus** — A friendly game of "catch the shaven, greased piglet." Bring your own piglet; we don't like to share.
18:30 — **Simmons Hall** — An informal group of Sims will be leaving from the Simmons lobby for a walk through Boston, probably the North End, in search of sweet treats, dinner, or whatever else we may be searching for.
18:42 — **Random Hall** — Some black holes are primordial. Some black holes are supermassive. But in our Black Hole they like to play D&D...
18:47 — **Random Hall** — Cream + Milk + Sugar + Fixin's + N₂ = mmm... ice creeeam....
18:50 — **Senior Haus** — Vertigo - Abasement: Vomiting pestilence and coprophagia, unite! These are the times of truth.
18:56 — **Senior Haus** — Betty Bowers teaches us how not to go to Hell. Topic include: "Gods views on Masturbation," "Does Jesus Fart?" and did giving Joseph a BJ still make her the "Virgin Mary"?

19:00

19:00 — **French House** — Si vous pouvez lire ça, vous devriez visiter La Maison Française, New House 6, 5ième étage.
19:00 — **Russian House** — Dinner. Traditional Russian recipes.
19:00 — **Chocolate City** — We don't hate, nor discriminate, and like to call Chocolate City home.
19:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Got a gambling problem? Enter the housing lottery.
19:00 — **Bexxley** — It's Monistat 7 o'clock! Come try out our shiny new stirrups!
19:13 — **Senior Haus** — Twinkie eating competition. Extra cream filling.
19:17 — **Random Hall** — Dungeons & Dragons and dice, oh my! Carpe DM.
19:27 — **Senior Haus** — We have Glamdring. It is completely amazing.
19:30 — **Burton-Conner** — Movies, movies, movies! We have lots over at Burton-Conner.
19:33 — **MacGregor** — The sun sets over Boston. Best view from the top of the tallest undergrad dorm on campus.

20:00

20:00 — **Burton-Conner** — Burton-Conner eats ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings.
20:00 — **EAsT campUS** — Le Teur de Fred.
20:03 — **Baker House** — MIT is like unprotected sex. You're glad you got in but sorry you came.
20:15 — **Burton-Conner** — Tired of walking around all day? Just want to sit down and relax a little? Our upper-classmen enjoy the "suite life"
20:28 — **French House** — Looking for a game of Set?
20:30 — **EAsT campUS** — Would you rather watch a movie made in 1997 or eat deserts made this evening? We thought so.
20:40 — **Senior Haus** — Dan shows us how slutty Haus officers can be.
20:47 — **Random Hall** — On the other hand, the museum doesn't make a bad backdrop for a movie screen. Introducing... the Random Hall Roofdeck Movie Series! It's the Ian Holm movie marathon!
20:47 — **Random Hall** — In our first featured movie, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, Ian plays an eleven-year old hobbit who likes to have really big birthday parties. Oh, yeah, and there's something about some kinda evil evil tall people and the fate of the world.

21:00

21:00 — **Burton-Conner** — The movie is playing and the ice cream is melting.
21:00 — **Next House** — PLAY UNFAIR - And party Mardi Gras style. Hang out, eat, play some volleyball or grab some beads, hop up on a table and grind to beats you can actually dance to.
21:00 — **Russian House** — Russian Cartoons.
21:00 — **Senior Haus** — Blue Velvet - What kind of beer you drink, neighbor? / Heineken / Heineken? Fuck that shit! Pabst Blue Ribbon!
21:00 — **Senior Haus** — We don't really eat babies. Plenty of perfectly normal, everyday type out-door cook-out food to be had in the Senior Haus courtyard. Vegetarian/Vegan options always available.
21:00 — **German House** — Germans like all sorts of high-tech stuff. Like lasers and the Museum of Science!
21:00 — **New House** — Wanna wind down from the day??
21:06 — **EAsT campUS** — Where's the satellite??? It's in the water!!!
21:30 — **Senior Haus** — 5,000 Bouncy Balls off the Roof! Crucify! Crucify! Crucify! You Shall die. o <— This is a bouncy ball. The object of your demise.
21:30 — **German House** — Entourage heads for the Dark Side of the Moon laser light show. We are leaving now.
21:35 — **Bexxley** — Violence on television only affects children whose parents act like television personalities. There is always a party going on somewhere.
21:40 — **Senior Haus** — In our ongoing effort to appease residents' clamorings for more nudity, there will be body painting in the courtyard. Cover whatever parts of yourself you chose to expose with swirly colours.
21:45 — **Burton-Conner** — The next movie will be starting soon.

22:00

22:17 — **Random Hall** — Hmmm, the D&D run is still probably going on over in Black Hole...
22:30 — **French House** — We know you've been wondering where the French movies are.
22:30 — **French House** — Nous savons que vous cherchez des films Français. Venez à La Maison Française pour regarder Cyrano de Bergerac avec nous - ou venez tout simplement écouter Keith réciter le film par cœur... LMF, New House 6, 5th floor.

23:00

23:00 — **Senior Haus** — Rushmore - Basement: This movie definitely does not have Bill Murray in it. I'm pretty sure it does, though.
23:00 — **French House** — You're half an hour late for Cyrano de Bergerac. But come anyway, and don't worry about the parts you've missed: Keith will be glad to recite them to you from memory.
23:00 — **French House** — Vous êtes

une demi-heure en retard pour Cyrano de Bergerac. Mais venez quand même, et ne vous inquiétez pas: Keith peut réciter tous que vous avez manqué.

23:59 — **EASt campUS** — Operation Infinite Freedom Trail. Come exercise the Freedom of Expression that the Greatest dorm in the world grants you. Infinite Corridor.

Sunday, August 24

00:00

00:00 — **Random Hall** — The donkey floats at midnight.. We don't have a donkey, and we don't have a body of water big enough to float it in, but we do have an ICBM, and if you come over, we'll do the best we can.

00:01 — **Senior Haus** — Apollo Sushi - One of the few places in Boston open after midnight for (good) food! Come Feast with us! Meet at Desk. One fish, two fish, Eat Fish, You Fish!

00:17 — **Random Hall** — The Random Hall Rooftop Ian Holm Movie Marathon continues...

00:17 — **Random Hall** — ...with the time-dishonoring classic *Time Bandits*. Our hero is now Napoleon, Emperor of the French and Theater Enthusiast. AND it's got time traveling midgets, Satan in a toaster, and Sean Connery. What more could you want?

00:25 — **French House** — Chocolate? Chocolat? Get rid of the "e" and it makes all the difference. Stop by La Maison Française for *FRENCH* chocolate. LMF. New

House 6, 5th floor.
00:30 — **Senior Haus** — Alice stop motion - Basement: The caterpillar is a sock puppets with dentures.
00:30 — **German House** — We're back from the laser light show. Come hang out and discuss the intricacies of German culture with us. Or just chill.

02:00

02:10 — **Senior Haus** — Bambi -
Basement: Rated R for intense
depiction of drug addiction, graphic
sexuality, strong language and
some violence. (edited version)
02:17 — **Random Hall** — Tonight's
Random Hall Roofdeck Movie
Marathon Featuring Ian Holm Will
Conclude With Lots Of Capitaliza-
tion And ... *ALIEN!* The Esteemed
Mr. Holm Is Now Ash, The Ship's
Doctor And Gung-Ho Scientist.
Until...
02:48 — **Senior Haus** — Get wet at
senior haus. We're all wet for you,
baby.

03:00

03:00 — **EaSt campUS** — Find Mikey P. and grab his ass.
03:03 — **French House** — What are you still doing awake? Crêpes await you in the morning!
03:17 — **Random Hall** — <jedi mind trick> You want to come to Random Hall. </jedi mind trick>
03:30 — **Senior Haus** — Fritz the Cat - 23,525 Basements: Odi et amo: quare id faciam, fortasse requiris. / nescio, sed fieri sentio et excrucior.

04:00

04:13 — **Senior Haus** — Put Pet-

Trainer on the job! Works around the clock- even when you are away- to change your pet's behavior! Only 9.50! Come get yours today! 04:27 — **Random Hall** — I believe in a rando-centric universe—do you?

05:00

05:00 — **EaSt campUS** — Call Bexley's Rush Chair at (617) 306-3179 for a tour of Bexley Hall.
05:05 — **Senior Haus** — The Dyslexic Fest! DigiCharat - Basement: girl-cats dice-rabbit bears people, open the church and look at all the people! (hint: anime that you cannot fathom).

06:00

06:00 — **EasT campUS** — Fire alarm.
06:00 — **Bexxley** — All-Star Calisthenics with Phil Rha. Phildo pumps you like the East German swim team. Lebensraum! Trunk twisters are 90% MENTAL 10% PHYSICAL.
06:10 — **Senior Haus** — Continuously Compulsively Orgasming Cat-Spirited Away - Basement: Have you had PCP and LSD? Because we haven't. no sir. not us.

07:00

07:00 — **EaSt camPUS** —
ec@mit.edu
07:01 — **Senior Haus** — We're all
asleep. Go somewhere else for
breakfast, and come back later.
07:20 — **French House** — Did you
wake up with the strange feeling
that you were dreaming in French?
Nous comprenons. Help is avail-
able. Dream Interpreting - LMF,
New House 6. 5th floor.

08:00

08:20 — Senior Haus — Monty Python and the Holy Grail - Base-ment: This movie has lots of important life lessons. The first of which is that French people are Horrible.

09:00

09:00 — **Russian House** — Early Russian Style Breakfast: Tea and Blini (crepes).
09:50 — **Senior Haus** — Monty Python and The Flying Circus - A nod is as good as a wink to a blind bat.

10:00

10:00 — **German House** — Bleiben Sie fit und gesund! Eat some bananas! We are going on a fun, scenic run along the Charles River with German House — all experiences and speeds welcome.

10:00 — **EAsT cAMPUS** — The Sovereign Nation of East Campus is in accordance with all U.N. restrictions on weapons of mass destruction. East Campus Officials will gladly give tours of all facilities to your inspectors.

11:00

11:00 — **German House** — Deutsches Haus ist zum New House Brunch gegangen. Kommen Sie alle und sagen Sie "Hallo."

11:00 — **Dormitory Council** — "Welcome to MIT" Brunch. Enjoy breakfast with student leaders and housemasters as they welcome you to MIT and explain DormCon's campus exploration events. Roam around your temp dorm to find the event and food.

11:20 — **Senior Haus** — Sick: The

Life & Death of Bob Flanagan, Supermasochist - Supercalifragilistic-cystic fibrosis

12:00

12:00 — Senior Haus — It's chalk,
it's chalk, it's big, it is heavy, it is
wood. We're chilling in the courtyard.

12:00 — German House — Gruess-
dich. Wir essen jetzt beim New
House Brunch.

12:00 — EaSt campUS — Help EC
win the arms race. Help us build the
next generation of military technology.
Secure your lucrative government
rocket building contract in the EC
courtyard.

12:30 — French House — Vous
avez trop mangé de nourriture gratu-
ite. Maintenant, brûlez ces calories
avec des jeux de sports fous de la
Maison Française. Rendez-vous à
Briggs Field.

12:30 — French House — You've
eaten too much free food. Now, burn
those calories with crazy French
sports games.

12:30 — German House —
Blitzkrieg. Destroy French House in
soccer, ultimate frisbee, and other
sports.

12:30 — Bexxley — Midget, the
Chicken of the Sea. Yes we have
Heinz 57.

12:47 — Random Hall — We're
closer to main campus than half of
the dorms, and we're also the closest
to Cambridge. We'll be watching
the Cambridge Festival Parade today!

12:50 — Senior Haus — Koy-
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Cultural Houses Yield Rooms To Ease New House Crowding

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triples," she said. Fleming expressed hope that the adjustment lottery would alleviate crowding, but said, "we like to keep our freshmen."

There were no crowds in New House last year. Crowding in 2001 required doubles to be converted to quads.

Housing numbers 'on par'

As of Wednesday, there were 1,022 freshmen entering the housing system and two freshmen commuting from home.

"The freshmen number was probably on par with our expectations," Vallay said.

Ninety seniors elected to participate in Senior Segue, fewer than the allotted 140 spaces. The remaining spaces were returned to the graduate housing office.

Two hundred sixty-three sophomores have cancelled their on-campus housing. David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups, said that 229 sophomores, 83 percent of those who pledged last year, were moving into FSILGs.

"The freshmen cancellations [number] was higher," than expected, Vallay said.

Cultural houses surrender rooms

In order to keep crowding to a minimum, New House has filled vacant spaces in the five cultural houses with freshmen who are not affiliated with the houses during Orientation.

The houses were given an opportunity to contact freshmen before the July housing lottery in order to recruit new members. Any vacancies after that recruitment period were filled with freshmen for Orientation.

"Cultural houses are being encouraged to do strong recruiting," during Orientation, Johnson said.

Cultural houses will be allowed to fill vacant spaces with freshmen recruited during Orientation only if the freshmen are accepted into New House through the adjustment lottery.

Transfer students can not fill the vacant spaces because they are not guaranteed housing and must be on the on-campus housing waiting list in order to receive MIT housing, said Mika A. Tomczak '06, housing chair for French House. The on-campus housing waiting list is comprised of students who chose to move off-campus and now would like to return to on-campus housing.

Housing chairs from Spanish House did not immediately return requests for comment.

Benedict said that the policy governing cultural house vacancies was developed last year by the New House housemaster, housing chairs, and cultural houses.

"There was a really informal meeting held by the housemaster," and open to all the cultural houses, Tomczak said. She said that French House agreed to give up certain rooms if crowding occurred in New House. "We weren't really

sure we would resort to that," she said.

French House recruited six freshmen over the summer and have three vacant spaces that they will attempt to fill during Orientation.

Tomczak said that if a student decides to join French House later in the semester, they will, "encourage them to join as a social member first" and then the student could potentially move into the house the following year.

Benedict does not think that the New House situation will hurt cultural houses by preventing prospective members from moving into the houses later in the semester.

"I don't think that's going to be a drawback," he said.

Lottery may change situation

Vallay said that the adjustment lottery may alleviate the situation in the crowded dormitories.

"We're hoping with the adjustment lottery, things will even out," she said.

After dormitory rush, freshmen have the opportunity to enter the adjustment lottery to either notify the housing office that they intend to stay in the same dormitory that they are currently in or rank four alternative dormitories to move into.

According to Vallay, crowding could be eliminated in crowded dormitories if fewer students requested to transfer into a dormitory than students who requested to transfer out of the dormitory. More students can not move into a dormitory than students who request to move out.

Counseling and support ser-

vices reserves a certain number of rooms for students who return from a leave of absence. Rooms that are not used for this purpose return to the housing pool and may help to alleviate crowding, Vallay said.

If there are more housing cancellations in crowded dormitories in the coming days, Vallay said that she will not fill those spaces with students from the on-campus housing waiting list until after final freshmen housing assignments are made, in order to reduce crowding.

Benedict said that even if the adjustment lottery did not resolve all of the crowded situations, crowding "tends to even itself out" within the second or third weeks of the semester. Freshmen who are still in crowded situations after the lottery will be notified when vacancies occur within their dormitory and may be notified of open spaces in other dormitories if they want to transfer.

EC volunteered for crowds

East Campus has been assigned 113 freshmen and the dormitory normally has space for approximately 95 freshmen, said Vice President Emily E. Cofer '04.

"We volunteered as one of the dorms to crowd," she said. Crowded rooms will be the larger singles crowded to doubles. These rooms are not smaller than most doubles on campus, Cofer said.

"We were told that it will pretty much stay that number," Cofer said of the number of freshmen assigned to the dormitory. She estimated that twenty people will be affected by the crowding situation.

MIT Identifies Owner Of Sharing Computer

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demand the identity of users they allege to be committing copyright infringement from Internet service providers.

MIT wants to talk with owner

MIT says it has identified and notified the owner of the computer alleged to have been illegally offering the recordings, based on logs provided by the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, where the computer was located.

MIT originally suspected a "young lady" living at TDC over the summer as being the computer's owner, said an MIT official. But now, based on examination of the logs provided by TDC, MIT has decided a different individual is the computer's owner.

MIT officials say they are not sure the owner is actually the person who was allegedly infringing the RIAA members' copyrights by distributing recordings on KaZaA.

"Once you have identified a person and tied the person to the machine, there is the question, 'Was that individual in control of the machine at the time that the incident occurred?'" the official said.

"Our hope is that the person is going to make an appearance at [Information Systems] or the senior counsel's office so that we can have a conversation," the official said. MIT has not yet heard from the person identified as the owner.

If the computer's owner can convince MIT officials that he or she is not responsible for the infringement, it is not clear if MIT will release the owner's name to

the RIAA. The DMCA requires MIT to release "information sufficient to identify the alleged infringer of the material described ... to the extent such information is available to the service provider."

MIT wins a jurisdictional dispute

On Aug. 7, MIT won a dispute with the RIAA over whether MIT should have to comply with a previous subpoena the recording industry association issued through the federal district court in Washington, D.C., home to the RIAA.

U.S. District Judge Joseph L. Tauro of Boston's federal district court agreed with MIT and Boston College, who had argued that the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure required subpoenas the RIAA issued to them to be signed by the clerk of MIT and BC's home court, in Boston.

But another proceeding, filed by the RIAA against MIT in the Washington court to require compliance with the first subpoena, remains ongoing, and that court could order MIT to comply even though the Boston court has ruled in MIT's favor.

"It's conceivable one court can go ahead and another can go ahead and they can reach inconsistent results," said Professor Arthur Miller of Harvard Law School, an expert on copyright and civil procedure. "Somehow or other these conflicts, which are inevitable, get worked out. Many courts simply stay themselves when another court has acted," he said.

A conflict is unlikely, as the RIAA has said it will refile in Boston and MIT has said it will comply with such a subpoena.



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<herms@alum.mit.edu>

Solution to Crossword

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Ask SIPB

STUDENT INFORMATION PROCESSING BOARD

Welcome freshmen and new graduate students. Ask SIPB is a column published regularly by the Student Information Processing Board, the volunteer student group concerned with computing at MIT, to help students like you learn more about the computing resources MIT provides and how to make effective use of them.

Question: What is Athena?

Answer: Athena is MIT's campus-wide distributed computing system. It consists of workstations in clusters throughout MIT, and provides software and file space accessible from any Athena workstation. Each of these workstations runs the Linux or Solaris operating system (both of which are Unix operating systems) and provide a common user interface, regardless of where you log in.

You can find a list of Athena clusters on the back of the Athena Pocket Reference you received when you checked in, or by typing

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athena% cview
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Question: How do I get into the Athena clusters?

Answer: The Athena clusters are protected by push-button combo locks. To find out the current cluster combo, on any Athena machine, type:

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athena% tellme combo
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The combo changes annually on October 1. Shortly before that time, you can use "tellme combo" to determine the new combo.

Also, when you checked in, you should have received a booklet called the "Athena Pocket Reference." On the back, you should find both the current cluster door combo, and the combo effective October 1. If you did not receive this guide when you checked in, or you have lost yours, you can pick up

a copy from OLC in W20-021B, or in N42.

Question: How much space is available for my files and mail?

Answer: The current default Athena file quota (the maximum amount of space your files may occupy) is 500 MB, and the current mail quota is 250 MB. These are completely separate quotas, and are increased approximately annually, though there is no set schedule for doing so.

With your file quota, you can store files to access from any Athena workstation. You can also send files to this space and retrieve them as well from non-Athena computers. This has the advantage that it is more accessible than files on your personal machine, and that it is backed up nightly. In addition, you can use this space for a personal webpage, or to share files easily with other people.

Question: Where can I get computing help?

Answer: There are several places on campus where you can get computer help.

You can come ask SIPB in person or via e-mail. Our office is W20-557 (right next to the Athena cluster). Anytime members are in the office, the office is open to answer questions. You can also phone SIPB at x3-7788 or e-mail sipb@mit.edu.

OLC is Athena Online Consulting, MIT's official support group for Athena related questions. They have an office in the basement of the Student Center (W20-021B), and are usually open Monday-Friday 10 am-5 pm.

OLC has a set of stock answers for Athena-related questions on the web at <http://web.mit.edu/answers/>.

To ask OLC a question, first make sure the question isn't already answered in the Stock Answers, then type at an Athena prompt:

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athena% olc
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For more information, look at <http://web.mit.edu/consult>.

MIT Information Systems staffs the Computing Help Desk, which provides free support for Macintosh and Windows, and provides limited Unix/VMS support by paid subscription. The Help Desk phone lines are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 6 pm; walk-ins are welcome in the office in N42 from 9:15 am to 5 pm. For Mac questions, call 617-253-1101; for Windows questions call 617-253-1102.

The Computing Help Desk also maintains a set of stock answers for common Macintosh and Windows questions encountered by MIT community members, at <http://itinfo.mit.edu/answer>.

If you are having trouble connecting your computer to your dormitory network, you can ask a Residential Computing Consultant for help. RCCs are students who get paid to assist other students, usually residents of the same dormitory. They can do everything from assigning IP addresses, to providing network cables, to helping you configure networking on your computer. To contact your RCC, ask around your dormitory or visit <http://rcc.mit.edu/> to submit a request.

Question: What is 3-DOWN?

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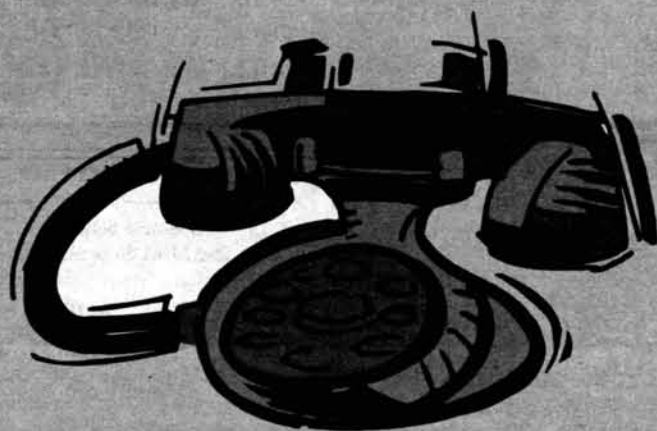
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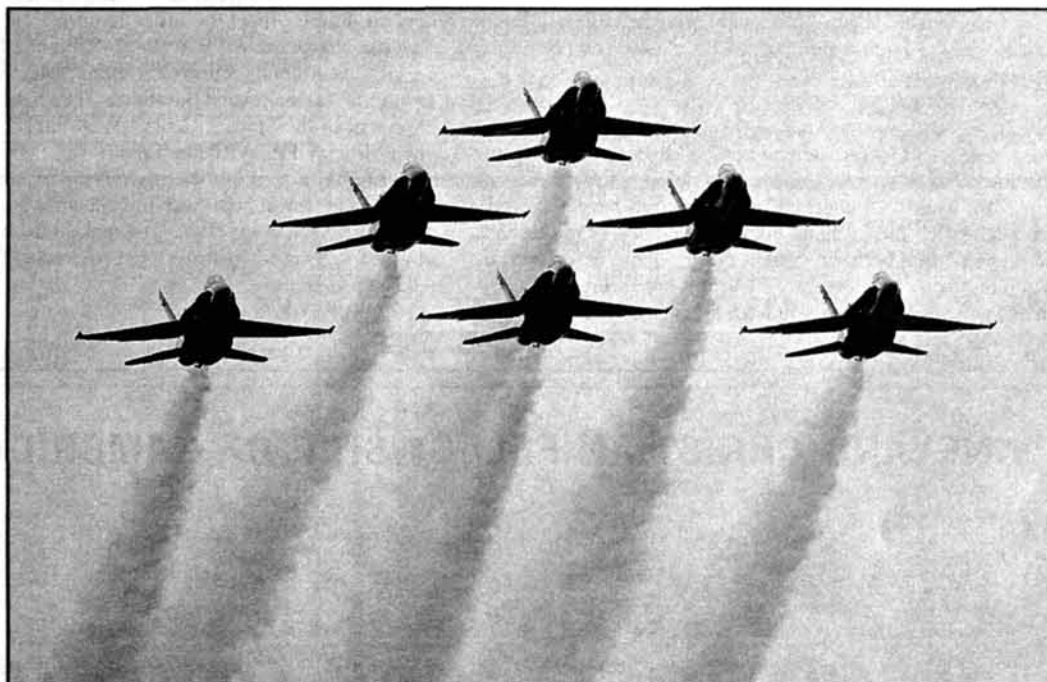
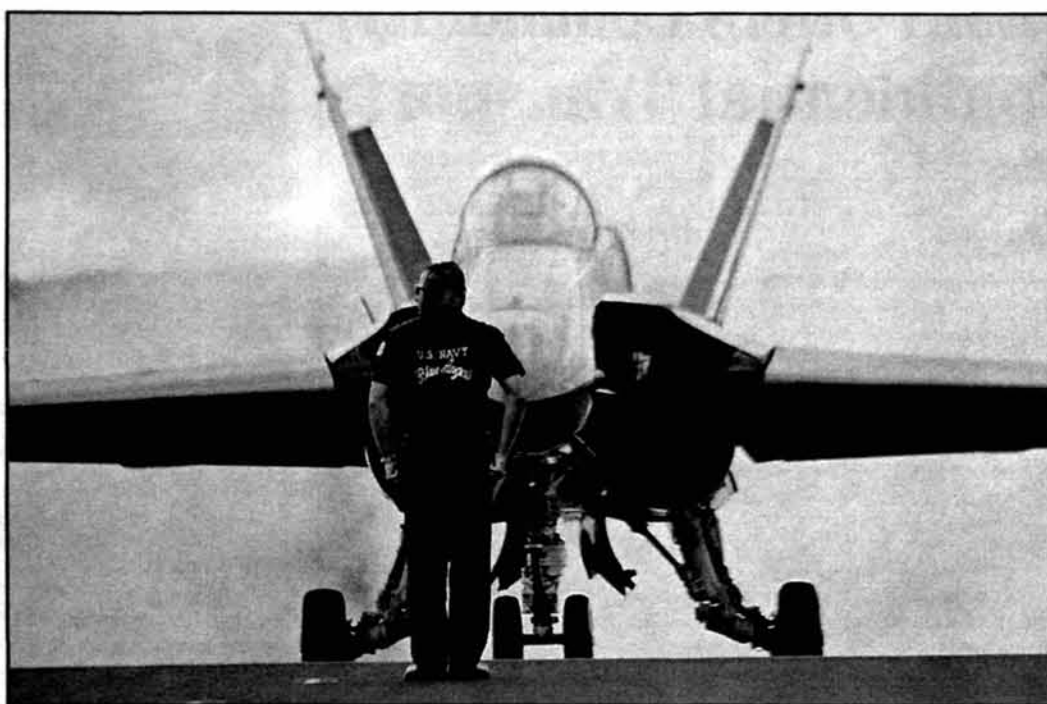
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(bottom) Five F-18 U.S. Navy Blue Angels fly in their famous diamond formation overhead during Sunday's Westfield International Airshow at Barnes Air National Guard Base. The Blue Angels tour across the country primarily to promote Navy recruiting.

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cover such expenses as gasoline and medical supplies.

Privacy drove creation of SEMS

In 2002, SEMS replaced an equivalent service provided by the MIT Police, in part because of concerns over the dual role of police officers as medical treatment providers and law enforcers.

According to MIT Police Captain David A. Carlson, under the previous emergency response system, a call to the emergency line could result in MIT police officers arriving in the ambulance as emergency medical technicians. This could lead to conflicts where the student would be unwilling to tell the EMTs their full problem if it included illegal activities, which could hamper successful medical treatment, Carlson said.

"With the student EMTs," he said, students calling for help "will be more likely ... to assist in their [own] treatment." However, "the way the

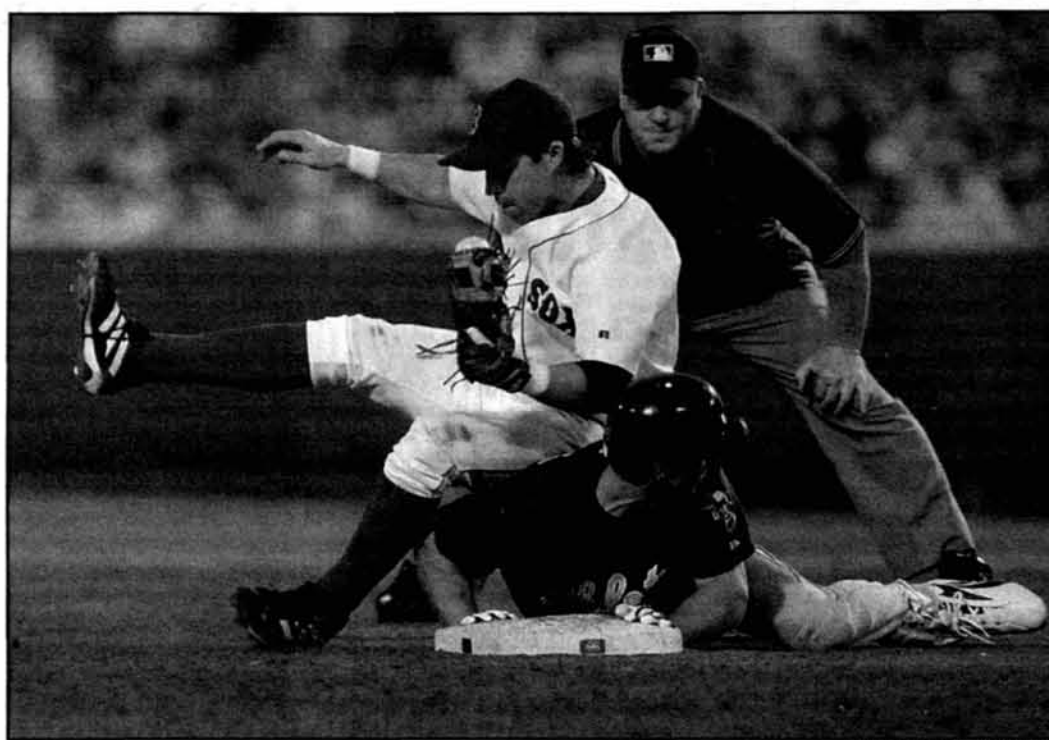
system is being set up the police are still the dispatch for the ambulance," so the police remain notified of all calls for assistance, he said.

Also, the EMTs on duty must submit a report on any calls they receive to MIT Medical, although the reports are covered under the state medical confidentiality law. This would require a special action by the police such as a warrant to access the reports, Carlson said.

EMTs serve at athletic events

Beyond the ambulance service, however, student EMTs have started to attend MIT athletic games to provide an on-site response to medical emergencies. Head Athletic Trainer Thomas Cronan said that it was standard for universities to have EMTs present at games.

"If MIT has to go to another school, it's the same thing they would expect," he said. It is important that "the personnel that were there were not serving a dual role" as both police officer and EMT, Cronan said.



Mark Ellis of the Oakland A's slides safely into second base after hitting a double to lead off the first inning on Thursday night at Fenway Park. The Red Sox won 14-5.

DANIEL BERSAK—THE TECH

MIT Department of Facilities

We spent our summer...



Photo: Caleb Cochran

View of Vassar Streetscape construction from the east.

Over the summer, the Department of Facilities continued work on several major projects around campus, including the Vassar Streetscape, which will transform a nondescript urban byway to a central campus boulevard for pedestrians and bicycles. The first phase of this project is nearing completion.

For the most current information on campus construction, read *The Tech* or log on to web.mit.edu/evolving.



Goalkeeper Siri Mullinix (center) and the Washington Freedom celebrate their win over the Boston Breakers in a 3-1 penalty shootout after 105 minutes of scoreless play. The Freedom advanced to the WUSA Founders Cup match against the Atlanta Beat, which will be played on Sunday in San Diego.

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Community Summer Softball League Winds Down

By Phil Janowicz
COLUMNIST

While the boys of summer play in fancy stadiums for fame, fortune, and everything that goes with it, the real men of summer play softball. Last Thursday, the PITS, a team of biology graduate students, defeated the Library Staff Association Bibliotechs 16-12 to capture the MIT community summer softball league Serious Slow Division 4/5 championship title.

The Bibliotechs got off to a strong start in the top of the first inning, capitalizing on three costly errors for seven runs. Then, the Bibliotechs allowed only one run in the bottom half of the first inning, a fielder's choice following a one-out triple.

Then in the bottom of the second inning, everyone learned exactly what the infield fly rule is. With the bases loaded, the second baseman dropped a pop-up and then stepped on second base, thinking he had gotten a forced out. Meanwhile, the runner on third took off for home and was called safe. A long discussion with the umpire ensued regarding whether runners could advance, and the ump made the correct call, saying that there is no forced out and that runners could advance at their own peril. The inning then promptly ended with the Bibliotechs leading 7-2.

With their offense struggling early, the PITS opened up their offensive floodgates in the third

with four consecutive singles to all parts of the field. After a one-five fielder's choice, the PITS belted a three-run homer over the right fielder's head to tie the game 7-7.

In the top of the fifth, the Bibliotechs tacked on another run small-ball style to take a short-lived 8-7 lead. In the bottom half of the inning, the PITS offense exploded. The PITS hammered out eight singles with a double sandwiched in there for seven runs. Then, sentimental favorite Peter Dourmashkin, who pulled his hamstring in the semifinal match against perennial challenger Mashdown, hobbled to the plate. Peter drilled a shot just fair down the first base line and into the bleachers for a two run ground-rule double that would prove to be the nail in the proverbial coffin.

The Bibliotechs didn't go quietly, tacking on three runs in the sixth and

another one in the seventh to end the game 16-12 and let the champagne showering begin.

After the game, both teams immediately lined up to shake hands and exchange the obligatory "ra-ra." These exchanges of good sportsmanship are exactly what the

softball league embodied.

"This team [the Bibliotechs] has about ten guys who can hit the ball anywhere they want hard," said Peter Dourmashkin, "but they still allowed everyone to play."

Hopefully, the fun will continue next spring and summer when soft-

ball season starts up again, but in the meantime, we must turn our attention to other IM sports. Soon, IM soccer, foosball, and tennis will fill our days and nights with much needed breaks from lab and sleeping. But for now, the PITS are the kings of summer.



The PITS became champions of the Division 4/5 summer softball league on Aug. 14.

ANDREW THOMAS—THE TECH

Solid Pitching Needed to Send Red Sox to World Series

By Vivek Rao
COLUMNIST

This year's edition of the Boston Red Sox is one of the most prolific offensive teams in recent memory, scoring more than six runs per game, impressive even in this hitter's era. Meanwhile, ace pitcher Pedro Martinez, arguably the best pitcher in baseball over the

last five seasons, has put together a 2.32 earned run average and a 0.214 batting average, both numbers placing him near the top of the list of league leaders.

All of this suggests that the Red Sox, one of the top teams in the American League, should be able to bank on a win nearly every time Martinez steps on the rubber. Sim-

ply put, the law of averages suggests that they should score a bunch of runs, give up only a few, and coast to victory. Rather inexplicably, however, the Sox have a rather mediocre 12-10 record in games started by Martinez, a mark that must improve if the team is to beat out the likes of Oakland, Seattle, or New York for a playoff berth.

The reasons for this dearth of success are manifold. There is Pedro's fragile arm, and his subsequent inability to pitch deep into games. Close behind is a glut of early-season debacles by the now resurrected bullpen.

Finally, and perhaps most inexplicably, is the juggernaut batting lineup's tendency to slip into a funk when the ace is on the hill, resulting in a deadly lack of run support. Martinez's last three starts have shown that while some things have changed, others will remain obstacles that the Red Sox will simply have to overcome.

On Aug. 6, Pedro stepped on the Fenway Park mound to face the Anaheim Angels, a team he had dominated in the past, posting a 7-1 record and a 1.47 ERA. Martinez came out firing, holding the Angels

scoreless through the first five innings, while retiring the bulk of batters via the strikeout or harmless ground ball. The offense, as is becoming routine, struggled to support Martinez, making mediocre Angels hurler Aaron Sele look like a potential All-Star. The Sox finally broke through with a two-run fourth inning, the highlight coming on an RBI triple from David Ortiz, who has quickly become the glue that holds the club together in the clubhouse.

As the innings wore on, Martinez found himself with an efficient pitch count, and when he walked to the dugout after the eighth, sporting a 3-1 lead, he had thrown a mere 108 pitches. Earlier in the year, manager Grady Little no doubt would have rested his injury-prone star, but on this night, there was no doubt who was going to pitch the ninth.

After the offense tacked on an insurance run, Martinez found himself three outs away from just his second complete game of the year. The pesky Angels refused to go down quietly, however, and they narrowed the deficit to 4-2, while placing runners on second and third with two outs. Martinez, though, showed the fiery grit and unmatched talent that has made him a fan favorite. Facing Tim Salmon, Martinez threw his six speediest fastballs of the night, the last one, his 128th pitch, registering at 96 mph. Salmon could only watch the third strike, and the Sox came out with a memorable victory.

The fun was short-lived, however, as Little's decision to stretch Martinez against the Angels forced him to restrict his ace to a tight pitch count in his next start, a crucial battle against Oakland and its top pitcher this year, Tim Hudson. While Pedro pitched respectably, he lasted only five innings, and the offense could muster absolutely nothing against Hudson, who is beginning to merit serious consideration as a Cy Young contender, but whose recent injuries have put that possible title in doubt. Final

score: 4-0, A's.

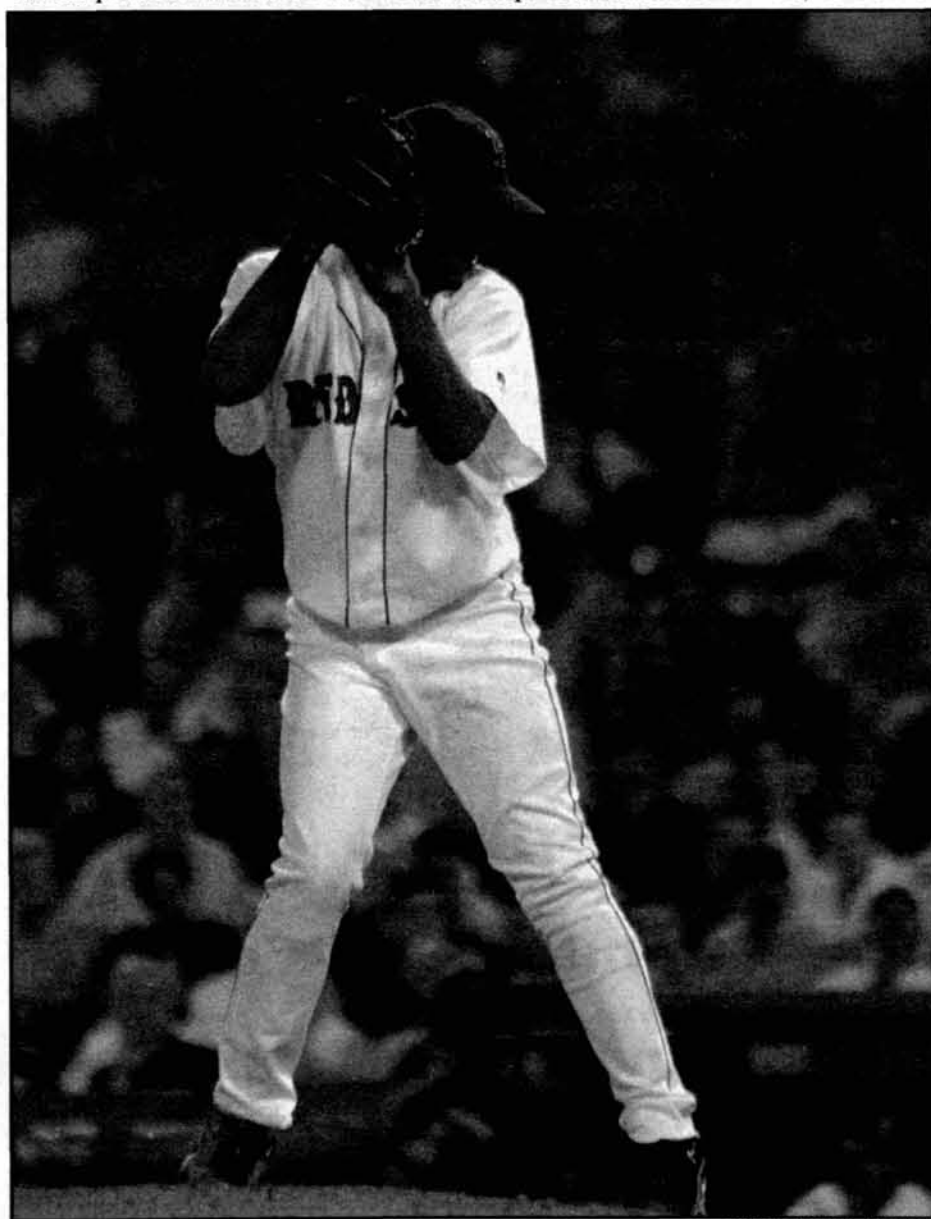
The team's tried and true Pedro-related weaknesses — Martinez's delicate physical condition, poor run support, and shoddy bullpen work — all resurfaced, and the result was not pretty. Yet, there is hope that the situation will improve over the stretch run. Pedro's most recent start, a 5-1 victory against the Seattle Mariners, another playoff contender, provided a solid model of how Red Sox fans should hope their team performs when Martinez is on the hill.

First, Pedro pitched seven efficient and effective innings, allowing one run on three hits, while tossing just 102 pitches.

Second, the offense, led by Kevin Millar and Bill Mueller, put up a good showing against the talented Joel Piniero, not exactly tearing the cover off the ball, but putting together some timely hits and scratching out all five runs by the sixth inning.

Third, the now dominant bullpen nailed down the win, with recently-acquired relief aces Scott Williamson and Byung-Hyun Kim each chipping in with an inning of scoreless ball. This triumvirate — seven strong innings from Martinez, modest offensive production, and solid relief — is a Golden Triangle that could allow Pedro to remain rested and dominant throughout the remainder of the season.

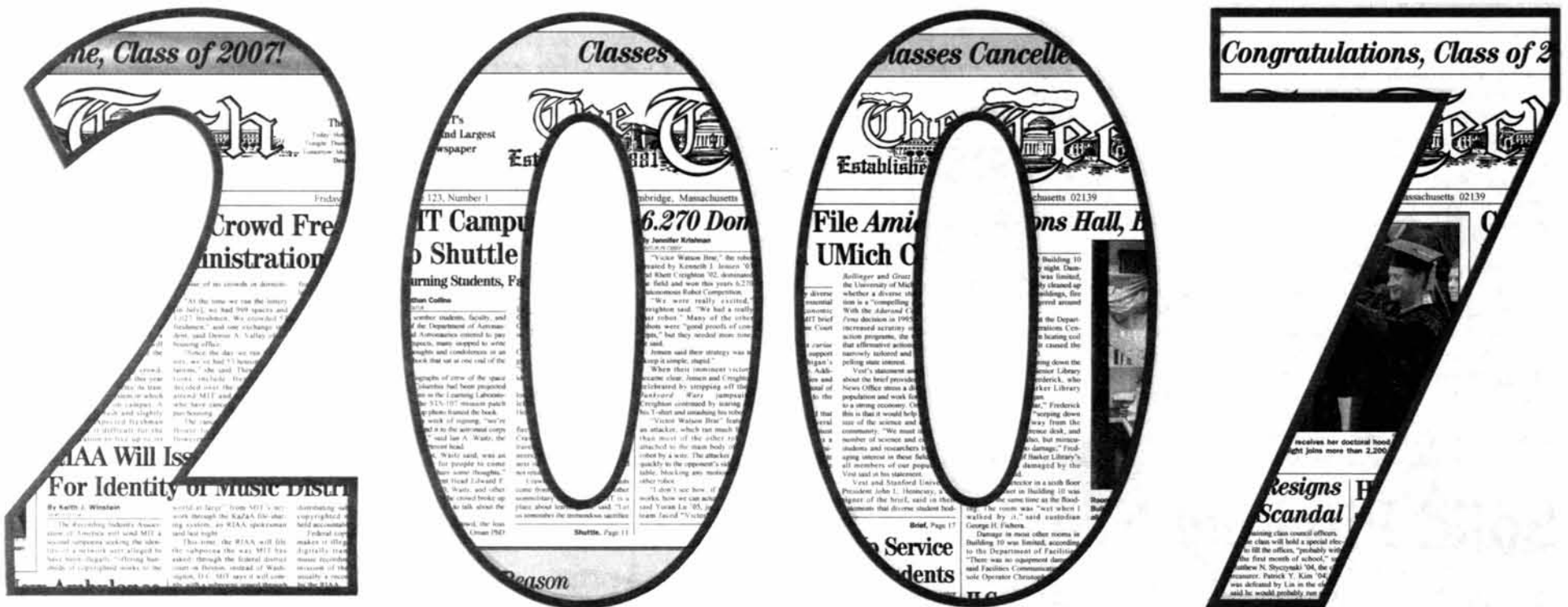
And that is something that must occur if the Red Sox are to have a chance. No matter how many runs the offense scores or how many top relievers general manager Theo Epstein acquires, the bottom line remains that if Boston is to consider itself a — gulp — World Series contender, it must get outstanding pitching from its top tandem — Martinez and the slumping Derek Lowe — and it must win the vast majority of the games they start. Funny how the 85-year-old hopes of a region can hinge on just two arms. Curious how those two arms just might be strong enough this time around to shoulder that burden.



ANDREW THOMAS—THE TECH

Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez works from the stretch against the Anaheim Angels, Aug. 6 at Fenway Park. Martinez pitched a complete game as the Sox won 4-2.

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